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Ctes made in the session of
this presente Parliamente holden
vppon prorogacion at Westmin-
ster, the fourth day of February, in
the xxiii . yere of the reigne
of oure moste dread soueraigne lorde
king Henry viii . and there continued and kepte till
the viij. day of Aprill then nexte ensuinge. To
the honour of God, and holy Church, and
for the common weale of this
his Realme.



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For as much as great multitude of hydes and tanned lether is vntuly, insufficiently, and deceauably tanned, corpyed, & wroughte wythin this realme, and muche more exceedinge in the pryces than haue beene at anye tyme heretofore, by reason whereof the kinges pooze subiectes bee greatly hindered and decayed, and fewe of them can goe oꝛ ryde dyꝛ eyther in shoes oꝛ bootes, nor haue anye good oꝛ stronge horseharneis of lether, ne anye ende wyng saddleles, maales, oꝛ boudgettes, ne anye other thinges made of tanned lether, to their greate damage, losse, and hinderaunce. And notwithstandinge diuers good statutes haue bene made for the true corpyng and tanning of lether, and searche of the same: yet neuerthelesse the tanners daily sell theyꝛ lether in theyꝛ owne dwellinge houses, oꝛ in theyꝛ secreete places and houses oute of the common fayres oꝛ markettes: by reason whereof the same lether is vnsearched, and for the moste parte wroughte in the necessaryes amonge the kinges pooze subiectes, to their great damage. For reformation whereof be it enacted by the kinge our souerayne lord, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled and by auctorite of the same, that all and singuler estatutes heretofore made concerninge the tanners and corlours, and corldwayners, and euery of them, theyꝛ misteryes and occupations, and the misteryes and occupations of euery of theym, standinge in force and not repelled nor expꝛyed, shall be and stande in theyꝛ full strengthe, force, and effecte, according to the tenours and purporses of the same.

And to the intent that due and plaine search maye be had of tanned lether before it bee put to sale, Be it enacted, that no personne oꝛ personnes from the feast of Saincte Michaell the atchangel, which shall bee in the pere of our lord God M. D. xxxiii. shal put any tanned lether to sale, withyn the citty of London, nor wythin thre miles compasse of the same, vntill it be broughte into open market at Leaden hall in London, oꝛ els in anye the fayres holden wythin the sayde Citty, oꝛ els where wythoute the sayde Citty, within the said thre miles compas: and there be searched and marked by such that haue the search thereof, as hath beene accustomed, vpon paine to forsaite the value of euery hide oꝛ parcell of lether, tanned and solde after the said feast, contrary to this acte. Nor that any personne oꝛ personnes, vppon like peine put any tanned lether to sale, oute of the sayde market of Leaden hall, and oute of the fayres kepte within the sayde citty, and thre miles compasse thereof, in anye other place oꝛ places of this realme but onely in open fayres oꝛ markettes, holden and kepte withyn any parte of this realme: the one halfe of such forfayture, if it be wythin the Citty of London, oꝛ wythin thre myles compasse thereof, to be to the
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king our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe thereof to the wardens of the felowship of the cordwayners within the same city, or to the wardens of the felowshippe of the Saddellers, gyrdelers, coyers, or anye other of the kinges subiectes in the sayd citty, that is to saye, to such of the sayde wardens or kinges subiectes, that shall fyrst sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plainte or informacion, in anye of the kinges courtes, in which suite no esoyne, protection, ne wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

And if the sayd forfayture happen to be out of the said Cittie, and out of the sayde thre myles compas, than thone moytie of suche penaltye to bee to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and thother moity thereof to the Mayres, sheriffes, bayliffes of citties boroughes and townes corporate, and lordes of leetes, within whose iurisdiction or auctorite any such forfayture shall happen to be recovered by like action and suite, and after lyke manner as is abovesayde: And for lacke of so doinge, that then it shall be lawfull for any of the kinges subiectes to haue power and auctorite in the seeing thereof. And where it is commonly vsed, that a print, scale, or marke, should be sette and put by the searchers of tanned lether, or by such as take vpon them the search or sealinge of the same, vpon euery hyde well and sufficiently tanned, before the sealinge thereof, to the intente that the goodnes thereof, by the same shoulde be knowne to the byers thereof. which marke or printe, for corruption and lucre, is commonly sette and put by such as take vpon them the searche and sealyng, as well vpon lether insufficiently tanned, as vpon lether well tanned, to the greate detreite of the byers thereof: Bee it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that enerye suche personne and personnes, takinge vpon him or them the searche makinge or sealinge of anye suche tanned lether, which doe put or sette any marke or scale or printe vpon any hyde or peece of lether, nor beinge well and sufficiently tanned, shal lose and forsaite iij. s. iiii. d. for euery hyde or peece of lether that he or they shall so marke, scale, or put any printe vnto, not beinge sufficiently tanned: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other moity thereof to such as will sue for the same by originall writte of dette, bill, plainte, or informacion. In which action or suite no wager of lawe, esoyne, or protection shall be allowed or admitted.

And all be it, it is ordayned & enacted by the statute made in the thirde yeare of our soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viii. that the wardeines and felowship of the craft of coyers within the sayd Cittie of London & their successours, or their sufficient deputie or deputies, should haue the search of tanned lether, within the said cittie and the subburges of the same, and in other places next adioyning, expressed in the sayde acte, as by the same acte more at large is declared: yet neuertheles in other citties, boroughes townes corporate, markettes, and fayres, there be no searchers appointed, by reason whereof no person will put any diligence to the same, vnlesse some auctorite may be giuen in that behalfe

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It is therfore enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that the same acte made in the sayde .iiij. yere of our sayde soueraygne lordes concernynge serche of tanned lether within the sayde cite of London, and other places expessed in the same acte, shall styll stand and abide in full strength and vertue, with all and singuler the prouisions therunto annexed.

And ouer that be it enacted, that all Mayres, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other chiefe gouernours of other citeys, boroughes, and townes corporate, and lordes of sayes and marketes, within their libertyes, franchises, iurisdiction and auctorities, and euery of theym, shall from hencefoorth haue power and auctorite, to name and appoynt twoo such of the crafte of cordwayners or coziars, or one of the one crafte, and another of the other crafte, as they shall thinke moste conueniente and experte in the sayd occupacions, to viewe and search all tanned lether broughte to be solde, to any markettes or sayes, kepte within anye lybertyes, franchises, iurisdiccions, or auctorities, and to make serch thereof truely and duely, wythout fauour, affection, or corruption. And where as none of the sayde twoo craftes be inhabited, that then it shall be lawfull to the Lordes, Mayres, or other officers, as is aforesayde, to electe and appoynte such other of the kynges subiectes, as be moste experte in knowledge of tanned lether: And suche as they shall fynde sufficiente, to put a marke or a poynt therevnto.

And that no person or persons, shall put tanned lether to sale, in any saye or market, befoze it be viewed, serched, and marked, vpon peine to lose and forsayte for euery hyde of tanned lether, put to sale contrarie to this acte. xx. d.

And it is also enacted, that aswell the moitye of the sayde forsayture, as the moitye of all forsaytures and penalties made or limited by any other statute or statutes, heretofore made for or concerninge tanned lether, shall be to the kinge our soueraigne lord: and the other moitye therof to be to the Mayres, Shyryffes, bayliffes, or other chiefe gouernours of such citeys, boroughes, or townes corporate, and to the lordes of the sayes or markettes, or any other the kynges subiectes, within whose iurisdiccions such cause of forsayture, or penaltye shall be founden, that is to saye, to such of theym as shall lease or sue for the same if they take theyr suite for suche forsayture within fyre monethes nexte after suche forsayture shall happen: And if they do not, than to be to suche of the kynges subiectes, that wyll sue for the same. And euery such person and persons, as shall be intituled to haue such forsayture shall haue an action of Det for the same. So that they commence and take their suite or action within halfe a yere nexte after the sayde. vij. monethes, by wyrtte, byll, playnte or information in whiche action or suite no waiger of lawe, esloyn, protection or priuilege shall be allowed.

And all be it that lether be well and sufficiently tanned, yet neuertheless the coziars, for their owne singuler lucre and aduantage, so corrupte the

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the sayde lether, with water and other subtyll wayes and meanes, that it is very vnprofitable for the exercise of the kynges subiectes: It is therefore enacted, that euery corper, shall well and sufficiently corpe and blache the sayde lether tanned, as well the lether of other, to hym broughte to be corped, as his owne lether, exercisinge in his sayde misterie of corpinge tallowe and suche other thinges, as to and for the true and iust corpinge of lether apperteyneth, without fraude or decept, and not craftely to bournne ne sparce the sayde lether, ne vse insufficient stufte of tallowe or oyle, vppon payne to lose and forsayte for euery hyde or peece of lether, that any corper shall craftely, deceptfully, or insufficiently corpe contrary to this acte, *iii. s. iiij. d.* The one halfe of which forsayture to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to such as shall fynde the defaulte. And such as shall be entituled to the sayde forsayture, shall haue an action of debt for the same by wyrtte, byll, playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: In which action or suite none essoine, protection, priuiledge, nor wager of lawe shall be allowed or admytted.

And bee it enacted, that the Justices of the peace, in euery shyre, cite and towne corporate, within the limites of thei? commissions and auctorities, shall haue power and auctoryte, to enquire, here and determine euery offence hereafter to be done or comitted contrary to this acte, as well by information as by presentment afore them, and to make suche processe vpon euery presentment, as they commonly do vpon inditementes of trespass.

And to the intente that the sayde serchers shall geue thei? attendaunce and diligence in true execution of this acte. Be it therfore enacted by our toytie aforesayde, that the sayde sercher or serchers from time to time shall and may take for euery ten peeces of tanned lether, so by hym or them searched, biewed, and marked, as is aforesayde, for his or thei? payne taken therein one peny, and no moze: And that also euery of the sayd serchers for the stipend or fee before lymptted from tyme to tyme, vpon lawfull request to him made, by anye personne or persones, hauinge tanned lether in open market or sayre to be solde, within the lymptes of the serchers, shall put to his or thei? prynte, seale, or marke, without contradiction or deniall, to euery such peece of lether sufficiently tanned, vppon payne to forsayte for euery defaulte by the sayde sercher or serchers so committed. *iii. s. iiij. d.* The one moyty therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, and the other to the partye greued, that will sue for the same by byll, playnte, or information, in any competente, courte of recorde. In which suite no wager of lawe, essoine, nor protection shall be admytted nor allowed.

Provided alway that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to any lord or lordes, or any other hauyng liberty or liberties, sayres or markettes, or any of them, thei? heires, or successours, or any of them, for or concerninge any of the forsaytures expressed in this acte, whiche they or any of them lawfully had, or mought haue.

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haue had afore the making of this present acte: this acte or any thing in þ same mencioned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouided alway that this acte, or any thing therein contayned, shal not in any wise be preiudicial or hurtful to y chauncellers, vicechauncellers, procurours, taxers, and scholars, theyr officers and mynisters, of the Uniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, or any of theim, of, for or concerning the auctoritie of searsh of tanned leather, of any of the forfeitures of the same: which they lawfully had or moughte haue had before the makinge of this present acte, any thing therin contayned to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the true dyeng of wollen cloth. Cap. ii.

IRayen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where diuers persons, within this realme of England, as well aliens as other, vsing the misterie or crafte of Diers, now of late haue vsed and exercised a false sleightye and deceyuable way in dyeng with brasell and such other like subtilties, first inuented and found by aliens, bozne out of this realme of England, to the great hurt and sclaunder of wolle clothes died within this said Realme, which in times past haue in all outward parties bene noted to haue had the most substantial coloured wollen clothes, of all Realmes christened. That it therfore may be enacted and established by the King our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that no maner of person or persons occuppeng þ said craft of dyeng within this realme of Englande, of what degree or nation soeuer he bee, from the feast of þ nativity of our Lord God now next comminge, do take vpon him or them, to die or alter, or cause to bee died or altered any wollen cloth or clothes, as browne, blew, peuke, tabonie or violet, or hattes or cappes, excepte the same wollen clothes, hattes or cappes bee perfectly boyled, grayned or maddered vpon the wodde and shotte, with good and sufficient cooke or orshall, after a due substantial and sufficient meane of workmanship, according to the old workmanship, before time vsed: vpon paine of forfeiture of xl. s. for euery clothe, and iii. s. iiii. d. for euery hatte or cappe so to be dyed or altered from the true workmanship, as is afore sayd.

And for because that many men occupping the said feate of dyeng, falsly and faultrily do occupie Brasel in diuers and sondrye colours, to the greate detraite, hurte and hinderance of the kinges liege people.

Be it therfore enacted and established, by the auctority aforesayde, that no maner of personne or personnes, occuppunge the sayde feate or occu-

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Occupacion of Dying of wollen cloth or clothes, shall occupie any brasel, in to or within any wollen clothe or clothes, hatte or cappe, within the sayde realme: and in the scarlet colour occupie any other thing then grayne onely, vppon paine of forfayture of fortie shillings sterlinge, for euery cloth, & iii. s. iii. d. for euery hatte or cappe made and dyed contrary to the fourme, tenour and effect of this present acte. And the third parte of the forfayture or value thereof to be to the king our soueraygne lord, and the other two partes thereof to be equally deuided betwene the sayde person, that shalbe seasour or taker of the, same, and the mayre, bayliffes, or other gouernours of the cittie, towne, borough, or village where any suche seasure shall fortune to be, to theyr owne uses.

And that for the better reformation of the sayde vntreue Dyinge of clothes, hattes and cappes: Bee it enacted by the auctoryty aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to the wardens of the misterie or craft of diers of euery cittie, borough and towne corporate within this realme, where such wardens bee, and to their successours, for the time beinge, and where no such wardens bee, to the mayre, sheriffes, bayliffes, constables, and other the kinges head officers: of euery cittie, borough, towne, and village, and to theyr successours, to enter into all places prouided and other, where dyeng is vsed within theyr liberties, & within a mile compasse of euery suche citie, borough towne and village, where any cloth or clothes, hat or cappe, hattes or cappes is or shalbe put to dyeng, dyed, or altered into colours, as is aforesayd, there duely and truly to viewe, enquire and searche, if any be fault be done: had & made, contrary to the fourme, tenour and effect of this present acte.

And if anye maner of personne or personnes, dyer or other, withstande, refuse, or Denye any such search to be made, contrary to the tenour of this present acte, that than euery such personne, so letting, refusinge, withstanding, or Denying any such search to be made in any house or houses, where dyeng is vsed, at any time hereafter, shal forfeite for euery time offending, contrary to the fourme aforesaide, fortie shillings. The third part of the which forfayture to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other two parties to bee equally deuided betwene the Mayre, Sheriffes, Bayliffe, and other officer of euerye suche Cittie, borough, or towne, and other the kinges subiectes, whiche shall sue for the same, by action of Dette, by writte at the common lawe, by bill, informacion, or plainte, after the returne of the Cittie, borough, towne, or porte, where at any time hereafter anye suche fines, forfaytures, or penalties shall happen to fall or bee: and that the Defendaunte in anye suche case; shall not bee admitted to wage his lawe, or any protection or esoyne, for any Defendaunte, bee allowed in the same.

Provided alway, that euery such personne and personnes, as shall take any aduantage of any forfayture by reason of this act, shall commence his

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suite or action for the sayd forfayture, wythin one yere next after the same forfayture, shall grow or be due by this acte.

This acte to continue vnto the last day of the next parliament.

An acte concerning fleshe to be sold by
weyghte. Cap. iij.



Complayneth to your most excellēt highnes your pooze subiectes of this your realme, that where all maner of vitailles before this tyme hath bene solde to your sayde subiectes at pryces conuenient, so that all your subiectes, and in especiall the pooze persons might wyth theyr craft or bodely labour, by sufficiente for the necessitie and sustentacion of theym, theyr wyues and children, but nowe gracious lord, all vitaille, and especiall beoffe, mutton, porke, and beale, which is the comminge feedinge of the meane & pooze persons, are so solde at so excessiue pryce that your said nedy subiects can not gaine wyth theyr labour and salary sufficient to pay for theyr conuenient vitaille and sustinaunce. For reformation whereof it maye please your highnes, that it maye bee enacted by your grace, and the lordes spirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that euery person, which shall sell by himselfe or any other, the carcasses of beoffes, porke, mutton, or beale, or any parte or parcell thereof, after the firste daye of Auguste nowe next ensuing, shall sell the same by lawfull weight, called haberdupois and none other wyse, the sayde fleshe to be cutte out in reasonable peeces, accordinge to the requeste of the byer, in like fashion as before this tyme hath bene used, wythout fraude or couin. And that euery personne, which by himselfe, or any other, shall sell any fleshe of the sayde carcasses, shall haue wyth him, wher hee shall make sale of the sayde fleshe, sufficient beame, scales, and weightes sealed, called haberdupois, for the true seruinge of the byers.

And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that after that day no person nor persons, take, nor cause to be take, for any pound weight of flesh, of the carcasses of beoffe or porke, by him or them to be sold, aboue the price of one halfe peny, nor for any pound weight of fleshe of the carcasses of mutton or beale, aboue the price of one halfe peny & halfe farthing, without deceit or couin: vpon paine to forfayte for euery pound not sold by weight, or aboue the said price limited, and for euery defaulte done contrary to the true meaning of this acte iij. s. iiii. d. The one moitie thereof to be to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other moitie to the party, that wyll sue for the same by bill, pleinte, or informacion. In which suite none esloyne, wagger of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaye, that the heades, neckes, inwardes, purtenaunces, legges, nor feete, shall be counted no parte of the carcasses aforesayde, but
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such to be solde for a lower price.

And furthermore bee it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the lordes Chauncellour, lord Treasourer, Lord priue seale, and presydent of the kinges moste honourable counsaile, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or v.iii. or iii. of them, shall haue full power and auctorite, by thei discretions, at all times hereafter for causes conuenient, to minishe and abate the pryces aboue reherfed: but in no wyse to enhaunce the same. And that all iustices of assises in their circuite, and all iustices of peace, or two of them at the leaste, wythin thei limittes, and al Mayres, Bayliffes, and other head officers of euery citty, borough and towne corporate, aldermen, sheriffes elected, stewardes of fraunchises, the mayres, bayliffes elected, and iurates of the portes, and all other personnes, hauinge lawfull auctorite before the making of this presente acte, to set price of fleshe, and euery of theyn in thei limittes: shall haue full power and auctorite to set a lower price of such fleshe as is aboue remembred, and to enquire of such offenders, and to award like proces againste them, and set like fines as they maye doe in presentmentes, or inditementes of ryot or trespass tryed before them.

Provided alwayes that no calfe, aboue the age of viii. wekes old, be accounted for beale, but for beoffe, and so to be sold as is afore reherfed.

Provided alwayes that where the carcasses of anye beoffes, muttons, beale, and porke, within any partes or countres of this realme, be vttered and solde better cheepe, or after lesse prices, than in this present act is limited: That this acte or any thing therein contayned shal not extend to any such county or place, but that they shall and maye sell at like pryces, & after such rate, as they do & vsed before the making of this acte, vpon paine as is afore reherfed, any thing in the same conteyned notwithstanding.

Provided alway that such person and persons, as now haue or hereafter shall haue the auctorite of clerke of the market, or to set price of vii. tailes within the townes and Uniuersities of Oreford & Cambridge and none other, shall haue the onely power and auctorite to execute this present acte from time to time, within the said townes & Uniuersities, any thing in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte concerninge sowinge of flaxe
and hempe. Cap. iiii.



He kinges highnes callinge to his most blessed remembrance the great number of idle people daily increasinge throughout this his realme, supposeth that one greate cause thereof is by the continuall bringing into the same, the great number of wares and marchaundise, made and brought out and fro the parties of beyond the Sea into this Realme, ready wrought by manuell occupation: Amongest y which wares one kinde of marchan-

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chandise in marueylous greate quantity, which is linnen clothe of diuers sortes, made in dyuers countreyes beyonde the sea, is dayly conueyed into this realme. Which greate quantity of linnen clothes so broughte, is consumed and spent wythin the same: By reason wherof not onely the sayde straunge countreyes, where the sayde linnen clothe is made by the pollicy and industrie of making and ventinge thereof, are greatly enryched, and a maruaylous greate number of theyr people, men womyn and children set on worke and occupation, and kept from idlenes, to the great furtherance and aduancement of theyr common wealth: but also contrary wyse the inhabitantes and subiectes of this realme, for lacke of like pollicy and industry about the inuentynge, practising, and putting in exercise like occupation, being compelled to bye all, or the most parte of the sayde linnen cloth continually spent and consumed wythin this realme amounting to inestimable summes of money, in other regions and countreyes. And also the people of this realme, as well men as women, which should and might be set on worke by exercisinge of lyke pollicie and craftes, of spinning weaving, and making of linnen clothe, liue now in idlenes and ociositye, to the highe displeasure of Almighty God, greate diminucion of the kynges people, and extreme ruine, decay, and impouerishment of this realme.

For reformation wherof the kynges royall maiesty, intendynge lyke a moste vertuous Prince, to prouide remedy in the premisses, nothyng so muche couetyng as the encrease of the common wealth of this hye realme, wyth also the vertuous exercise of hye most louyng subiectes and people, and to auoyde that most abhominable vice of Idlenes out of this realme: hath by the aduyse and assent of hye lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same ordeyned and enacted, that all maner persons, of what degree, estate, or condicion they be of, hauing to theyr occupation thre score acres of errable lande or pasture, or thre score acres of errable lande and pasture, being apte for tillage, shall yerely for euer, after the feast of saynte Michael the Archangell nexte comminge, at theyr proper costes and charges, till and sow, or cause to bee tilled and sown in seasonable tyme one roode, that is to say, the fourth parte of an acre of the lande, beinge in theyr occupation, as is aforesayde, wyth line seede otherwyse called flaxe seede or hempe seede, or with both, y sayd roode to be sown in one place together, or in seuerall places at their pleasure: And so from the sayde feast yerely shall till and sow, or cause to be tilled and sown one roode for euery fourtie acres, which he or they shall happen to haue in occupation, as is aforesayd, without any fraude or couine, vppon payne to forsayte thre s. lii. pence, for euery fourtie acres, which any personne or personnes shall haue in occupation, as is aforesayde, and not till and sow, or cause to bee tilled and sown one roode, according to this acte, in maner and forme aforesayd.

And

And be it also enacted, that all iustices of the peace in theiꝝ sessions, and mayres, sheriffes & bayliffes in cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, in their sessions, oꝝ other courtes within the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, shall haue full power and auctorite to enquire of the offenders in this acte, as wel by the othes of twelue men, as otherwyle by informacion by their discretions.

And if any person oꝝ persons be presented afore them, wythin the limittes of theiꝝ auctorities, oꝝ any informacion giuen to theym, of any offendour of this acte: that then they shall haue full power and auctorite vppon euery such presentmente oꝝ informacion, to make proces againe the offendours of this acte, like as is commonly vsed vppon inditementes of trespass. And if any be presented, and afterwarde be conuicted by confession oꝝ otherwise, that he hath offended contrary to this acte, that then he shall be put to no lesse forsaiture then is aforesayde, to the vse of the kinge oure soueraigne lord, if the offence bee withoute cities, boroughes, oꝝ townes corporate. And if the offence be within any city, borough, oꝝ towne corporate: then the saide fine to bee to the vse of the Mayres, sheriffes, oꝝ bayliffes of the said city, borough oꝝ towne corporate, where there the offence shall be presented. And if any be conuict by confession, oꝝ otherwyle by examination vppon any informacion made by any person oꝝ persons, againe any offendour oꝝ offendours of this acte: that than euery such personne so conuict vppon any informacion, shall lose suche forsaiture as is abouere membered, the one halfe thereof to the king oure soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to such as shall make the informacion. And that for the leueninge of euery suche forsaiture, as well the Iustices of peace, as Mayres, sheriffes, and bayliffes, within the limittes of theiꝝ commissions and auctorities, haue full power & auctorite to make suche proces as they shal seeme by their discretions.

Provided alwaies that none informacion at þe suite of any person concerning this acte, shall be of any effecte, to put any person to answer or losse of forsaiture, except the said informacion be exhibited within one yer next after the offence done contrary to this acte. Nor that any informacion oꝝ presentment for the king be of any effect, to put any person to any answer or losse of any forsaiture, by vertue of this acte, except the said informacion oꝝ presentment for the king, be within two yeaeres next after þe offence done & committed contrary to this acte.

Provided also that parkes for Dere, woodes, groues, lowe groundes for medowes, felles, fennes, salte marshes: heathe groundes, commons, and such other like grounds, the nature wherof is not apte for tillage, nor any lands oꝝ pasture, which hath not beene put in tillage within the space of fiftie yeaeres, shal not be accompted in nor of the number of acres, for the which any person shalbe bounde to till and sow any the seedes aforesayde by vertue of this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And it is farther ordered, that the acres shalbe accompted after y^e rate of buy. scoze perches for the acre, and euery perche contayning xvi. foote & a halfe of the rule, and not otherwyle.

Provided alway that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, extende not to such landes as haue fortunied, or shal fortune to be plowed, tilled or broken one two or thre yeares together in x. or xii. yeares, or other longer season onely for clensing of the same from mosse, molle hilles, bushes, or like thinge, or for profe of the aptnes of the ground to beare corne, and not used otherwyle in time paste in tillage: so that in those yeares, that it shal fortune the sayde landes not afore excepted to bee so plowed, tilled or broken, the same order be obserued in sowing the porcion therof wyth lyne or hempe seede, as is aforesayde. He also shal extende to any groundes inclosed, or to be inclosed, wherein dere hath bene, be, or shalbe kepte by the kinges graunt, or otherwyle, any thing in this present act made to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for as much as spirituall persons, which doe, or shal haue in their handes and occupacion, landes for expenses of theyr householde, cannot conveniently otherwise take anye profite of suche flaxe or hempe, as growen vppon the same, vnles by sale to other persons: Be it therefore further enacted, that it may be lawfull to all and singuler spirituall persons, hauing in theyr handes and occupacion any maner landes, for expences of their householdes, not prohibited by the law, to sell such flaxe and hempe, as shal grow vppon their landes, so beinge in theyr owne handes and occupacion, as is aforesayd, any acte, statute, or prouision made to the contrary notwithstanding.

This acte to continue to the last day of the next parliament.

An acte where a man killing a theefe shal not forfeite his goods. Cap. v.



Or as much as it hath ben in question and ambiguitie that if any euill disposed person or persons do attempte felonously to robbe, or murder any person or persons, in or nigh any common high way, cart way, horse way, or footeway, or in their mansion mesuages, or dwelling places, or that felonously doe attempte to breake any dwelling house in the night time, should happen in his or theyr (beinge in theyr suche felonous intente) to bee slaine by him or them, whom the sayd euill doers should so attempt to robbe or murder, or by any personne or personnes, being in theyr dwelling house, which the same euill doers should attempte burgularly to breake by night: if the sayd personne, so happeninge in such cases to slea any such personne, so attemptinge to committe such murder or burgulary, shoulde for the death of the sayde euill disposed person forsaite or loose his goods, and cattelles for the same

fame, as any other personne should do, that by chaunce medley should happen to kill or slea any other person in his or theyr defence. For the declaration of the which ambiguity and doubt, be it enacted by the kinge our soveraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of y^e same, that if any person or persons, at any time hereafter, be indited or appeled of or for the death of any such euill disposed person or personnes, attemptinge to murder, robbe, or burgularly to breake mansion houses, as is abovesaid, that the person or persons so indited or appeled thereof, and of the same by verdict so found and tryed, shall not forfeite or loose any lands, tenements, goodes or cattelles, for the death of any suche euill disposed person, in such maner slaine, but shalbe therof and for the same fully acquitted and discharged in like maner as the same personne or personnes shoulde bee, if hee or they were lawfully acquitted of the death of the sayde euill disposed person or persons.

An acte concerning sale of wyne

Cap. vij.



Because that diuers marchauntes, inhabitinge within the cittie of London, haue of late not onely presumed to bargain & sell in grosse to diuers of the kings subiects greate quantities of wyne of Gascoyne, Guyon, and frenche wyne, some for five pounde the Tunne, some for more, and some for lesse, & so after the rate of excessive prices, contrary to the forme and effecte of a good and laudable statute, therof lately made in this present parliament, holden by prorogation thereof made, into the xv. day of Januarie, in the xxiij. yere of the kinges most noble raigne, that is to say, contrary and aboue the prices therof set by the right honorable, y^e lord Chaceller, lord Tresourer, lord president of the kinges most honourable counsaile, lord priue seale & the two chiefe Iustices of either benche, whereby they be fallen into y^e penalties, limited by the said statute, as by due p^{ro}ues therof made, by examinations taken before the said lordes, & others of y^e kinges most honourable counsaile, is wel known: but also hauing in their hands & possessions great abundance of wyne by them acquired & bought to be sold, obstinately & maliciously, with their saide attemptes & defaultes p^{ro}ued, haue refused to bargain and sell to many of the kinges subiectes, any of their said wyne remaininge and beinge in their handes, purposinge and intendinge thereby, for theyr owne singular and vnrasonable lucre and profitte, to haue larger and higher prices of their saide wyne to bee sette, accordinge to theyr insatiabable appetites and mindes: It is therefore ordained, and enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that euery marchaunte and other personne, now hauinge, or which hereafter shall haue

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haue wyne to be solde, and refusing to sell or deliuer, or not selling any of the said wyne for redy money therfore to be payde, according to the price or prices therof than being set, shal forfeite and lose the value of the wyne so requyred to be bought.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to all and singuler Justices of peace, mayres, bayliffes, and other head officers & gouernours in shires, cities, boroughes and townes and in other places of this realme within the precinctes and limittes of theyr offices, from the last day of April, in the yere of our lord God M.D.XXXIII. at the desyre & request of any of the kings subiectes, to whom any denyer of sale, or from whom any restraint of sale of any such wyne, shalbe made, and full paymente therfore without delay offered to be made, according to y^e prices, which at the time of such denier or restraint of sale, be or shalbe set by the lordes and Justices, or hereafter to be set according to y^e said statute heretofore made, to enter into the houses, cellars and other places, where suche wyne shal lie or be, and to sel & deliuer the same wyne or wyne desyred to be bought, to the person or persons requyring or desyryng to bye the same. Takinge of the byar of the same wyne or wyne, so to be solde, to the vse of satisfaction of the forfayture aforesayd, after the rate of the prices thereof nowe being set or hereafter to be set, as is aforesayd.

Provided alwayes, that if at the tyme of any suche sale of wyne purposed to be made, the Marchaunte vintener, or other owner or owners thereof, doe trulye, fully and manifestly declare and shewe to the sayde Justice of peace, Mayre, Bailiffe or other heade officer, purposinge to make the sayd sale, by vertue of this acte, what and howe muche quantitie and sortes of wyne he then shall haue, and affyrme and depose vppon his bodye Othe, to be made and giuen by the discretion of the same Justice of peace, Mayre, Bayliffe, or other heade officer, that hee keepeth and retayneth the same wyne to the intente onely to drawe and expende the same in his house, by retayle, or other wyse, and not to sel the same wyne nor anye of them in grosse: that than the same marchaunte vintener or owner thereof shall keepe and retayne the same wyne, wythoute anye sale thereof to be made in forme aboue written, and withoute anye forfayture or refusall or restraint of sale thereof to be made in grosse, And in case that after suche othe so made, the same marchaunte vintener or other owner or owners, do sell the same wyne or any of them in grosse, that is to saye, by the Tunne, Butte, Ceeres, Pye, Hoggeshed, Barel, or Rondelette, he shal forfeite and lose the double value of all such wyne so solde in grosse. The one halfe thereof, and of the other forfayture aboue written, to be to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other halfe to the partie or person, that shall sue for the same by action of Det. bill, pleinte or information, in which sute none esoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe had or allowed.

Provided alwayes that this acte extende not to take effect in any shire

of this realme, other then in the Cittie of London, and within three miles compas of the same, before y^e last day of July, in the yere of our lord God aboue w^{ritten}: vnlesse that in the meane tyme this statute be openly proclaymed in some open fayre or markette wythin the same shyre, where before the sayd last day of July, it shall happen to be put in execution.

An acte to continue and renue the acte against kylling of calves. Cap. viij.



Here in the sessions of this presente parliamente, begun at London, the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the raigne of our soueraigne lord the king, that now is and from thence adiourned vnto Westminster, to y^e fourth day of the sayd moneth, there was a good & lawdable ordinaunce, acte and prouisiō established, concluded, and enacted against kylling of yonge suckinge calves, within certayne dayes in the same acte limited, and to endure for the space of three hole yeares: which at the first daye of January last past, was ended, expyred and passed, as in the same acte more at large it dothe appeare. And for as much as it is now evidently and manifestly proued and perceyued, that greate benefite and commoditie hath ensued vnto the common weale of this realme, by meane of the sayde acte, and that muche more were like to ensue, if the same might eftsones for a longer season continue and be renewed: It is therefore ordayned, established, and enacted, by the kinge oure soueraigne lord, wyth the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, by the auctorite of the same, that no maner of person or personnes, beinge butchers or other, inhabyting wythin this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, shall from the fyrst day of January, nexte comminge, duringe two whole yeres, from thenceforth next ensuing, kill or cause to be killed, any maner yonge suckinge calfe or calves, to be solde or put to sale to any person or persons, whole or by retaille, which calfe or calves, hereafter to be killed, shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the said fyrst day of Januarie and the fyrst day of Maye, in any of the sayd two whole yeares vpon paine of forfayture of vi. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the sayde dayes, and killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, to be payde and forfayted by euery such butcher or butchers, or any other personne or personnes, which shall kill or cause to be killed and put to sale any such calfe or calves so fallinge, and to bee calued betwene the sayde fyrst daye of Januarie, and the saide firste daye of Maye, duringe the sayde two whole yeares. The one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to thuse of our said soueraigne lord the king, & the other halfe to the party that will sue

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sue for the same by bill, action of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of law, essoyne, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, that every lord marcher haue the forsaytes, profites, and aduantages onely of every suche offender and offenders against the purueying of this acte, wythin theyr seigniorpes, liberties, and franchisees royall.

Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the iustices of peace of every of the shires of this realme, within the limittes of theyr commissiōs, shall haue full power and auctorite by force and vertue of this acte, at every theyr general sessions hereafter to be holden & kept, to enquire, heare and determine the premisses, as well by information and presentment, as by bill, or plainte, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection for the defendante (as is aforesaid) shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte where Defendauntes shall not recouer any
costes. Cap. viij.



Because as well many recognisances, obligacions, indentures, & other specialties, as also many contractes heretofore haue beene take and made betwene diuers persons beinge of the kinges moste honourable counsaile, and other his subiectes, and by & betwene other persons, to the vse and behofe of our saide soueraigne lord the king for greate sommes of money, then beinge to his grace due: And for his prouision and other causes, for which dettes actions by the lawes of this realme bee to be commensed sued, and prosecuted to the kings vse, by and in the name and names of the person or persons, to whom the sayd recognisances, obligacions, and other specialties were made, or by those, to whom the sayd contractes were made: Bee it therefore ordained & enacted, by auctorite of this present parliament, that all be it that the plaintife or plaintifes, be or shalbe nonsuted in any whatsoeuer action, sute, bill or plainte commensed or to be commensed, sued or to be sued, to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lord the kinge, his heires or successours, kings of England, or that it shall happen any verditte to passe against any such plaintife or plaintifes, in any action, sute, bill, plaint, sued or to be sued to the kinges vse: the defendaunte or defendantes shall not recouer any costes against any such plaintife or plaintifes, any acte or statute made in this present parliament, or any other thinge to the contrary being in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte against killing of yonge beastes cal-
led weinlinges. Cap. ix.



Where in the first session of this presente parliamente, begunne at London, the thyrde day of November, in the xxi. yere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, and from thence adiourned to westminster to the 4. daye of the same moneth, there was a good & profitable ordinaunce acte and provision made, concerning killing of calves, right commodious for the publicke weale of this realme, as by the same more at large it may appere. Which acte was deuised to the intente that calves once wayned, shoulde, as at tyme was supposed, not haue beene put to slaughter before they were of conuenient yeaeres, and meete for beoffe, whereby might haue growen the greater plentie of beoffes, and at meaner prices wryght in this realme, to the encrease of the common weale of the same: yet neuer thelesse diuers persons more regarding their priuie lucre and singuler profite and gaue, than the common weale of the sayd realme, haue vsed since the making of the sayd acte, and yet do, to kill yong beastes, called wayninges, steres, bullockes & heifers, of one or two yeaeres olde or little more, by meane wherof a great part of the benefite that els shoulde haue folowed of the sayd acte, hath bene frustrate and voyde. It is therefore enacted, ordeyned and establisshed by the king our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of person or persons, being butchers or other inhabityng wythin this realme, wales, or marches of the same, shal from the feast of Nativity of S. John Baptist next comynge, kil or cause to be kylled any maner of weinlinges, bullocke, stere, or heifer being vnder the age of 2. yeres, to the intente to make sale thereof to any person or persons, whole or by retayle, vpon payne of x. s. viii. d. for euery of the sayde weinlinges, bullockes, steres or heifers, being vnder the age of ii. yeres, killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, to bee payde and forsayted by euery such butcher and butchers, and other which shall kill or cause to be killed, and put to sale contrary to this acte, any such weinlinge, bullocke, stere or heifer, vnder the age aforesayde from and after the sayd feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptiste next ensuing as is aforesayde: The one halfe of euery such forsayture to be to the vse of our sayd soueraygne lord, the kinge, and the other halfe to the party that wyl sue for the same by bill, action of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, wherem no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes that euery lord marchet haue the forsaytes, profits and aduantages onely of euery suche offender and offendours agaynst purueyinge of this acte, wythin theyr seignories, libertyes, and franchises royall.

Be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, & the Iustices of peace of euery

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every of the Shyres of this Realme, wythin the lymettes of theyr committions, shall have full power and auctorite by force and vertue of this acte, at every of theyr generall sessions hereafter to be holden & kepte, to enquire, heare & determine the premises, as wel by information and presentments, as by bill or plaint, wherein no wager of law, essone, or protection for the defendours, as is aforesayd shall be admitted or allowed. This acte to endure to the next parliament.

An acte made to destroy choughes, crows, and rookes. Cap. ix.



As much as innumerable number of rookes, crows and choughes do daily breede and increase throughout this realme, which rookes, crows and choughes do greatly destroy, devour and consume a wonderfull and marvellous great quantity of corpe and grayne, of all kindes, that is to witte, as well in the sowing of the same corpe and graynes, as also in the ryping and beynelling of the same, and over that a marvellous destruction and decay of the couertures of thatched houses, barnes, reekes, stacks and other such like, so that if the sayde crows, rookes and choughes should be suffered to breede and continue as they have been in recreation and consumption of a great part of the corpe and grayne, which hereafter shall be sown throughout this realme, to the great preiudice damage and undoing of the great number of all tillers, husbandes and labourers of the same, for remedy whereof, be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that every person and persons, as well spiritual as temporall, having keeping holding & inhabiting in any manours, meases, landes or tenementes in theyr owne manurance and occupation, of any estate of inheritance, or for terme of life, or for yeres, or at will, or by cause of courte roule, or other wise in possession or vse, shall hereafter do & cause to be done as much as in him or them reasonably shall or may bee to kill and utterly destroye all manner of choughes, crows and rookes, cominge, shyinge, breedinge or hauntinge wythin or upon anye the sayde manours, meases, landes or tenementes, which hee or they shall inhabite, and dwell upon, and have in theyr manurance and occupation, as is hereafter shalbe expressed; that is to saye, that if any offence be done contrary to this statute by any person or persons inhabiting wythin the lymettes of the lites, landes, rapes or countrees of any lordes, hauinge of suche lites, landes, rapes, or countrees the steward wyth two of the presentours, by the steward and presentours to be named, shall asseesse and set for every default presented to be done contrary to this acte, such a mer-

amerciamente to them shall seeme reasonable and conuenient, after the quantitie of the offence, the said amerciamente, to be to the vse of the lord or lordes of the letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes, where the sayde offence shall be done and presented, to be leuied by distresse of the goodes and cattelles of the offendour or offendours like as other amerciamentes for common annoyances presented in letes, hath bene accustomed to be leuied.

And if the offence be done contrary to this statute by any person or persons, which shall dwell and haue the manurance of and in suche maners, meases, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereunto such letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes belongen, or by reason whereof anye such courtes ben holden: that than vpon a presentment thereof had before the sheriffe in thei Turne, or Justices of peace in thei sessions, the stewart of the Countie, wyth two of the presentours, to be chosen as is aforesayde, if the presentment be wythin the Turne, and the Justices of peace, or two of them at the least, if the presentment be before them in thei sessions, shall asseesse and set the sayde amerciament, after the quantitie of the offence by thei discretions, to be had and leuied to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king by distres, like as other amerciamentes be leuied vpon presentments of common annoyances.

And further bee it enacted, by the auctorite aforesaide, that in every parish, towne, hamlet, borough, or village, wythin this realme, wherein is at least ten householdes inhabited, the ternautes and inhabitants thereof shal before the feast of S. Michael the archangell next, and so duringe ten yeares next ensuinge the sayd feast, at thei owne proper costes, charges and expences, prouide, make, or cause to be made one net, commonly called a nette to take choughes, crows, and rookes, wyth all thinges requisite or belonging to the same. And the saide nette, so made or caused to be made, shall keepe, preserue, and renue as often as shall neede. And wyth and after a sharpe made with chaffe, or other thing meete for that purpose shall laye or cause to be layde at suche time or times in the yeare as is conuenient for destruction of such choughes, rookes, and crows, and in such place and places, as shalbe thoughte expedient to take the sayde choughes, crows and rookes, vpon payne to forfait ten shillings, the one moiety thereof to be to our soueraigne lord the king, and the other moiety to the Lord or Lordes of the same courtes, letes, lawdayes, or rapes, where nge suche nette shalbe lackinge, and not made and put in execution, accordinge to this acte, to be leuied of the sayde ternautes and inhabitants of the sayde parish, towne, hamlet, borough, or village where anye suche nette shall bee lackinge, and not put in vse and execution, as is aforesayde. And that euerye suche nette, wyth all thinges requisite thereunto, shall one time in the yeare at the least, bee presente in the courtes baron, lete, rape, or lawday before the stewart of the same courtes, lete, rape or lawday, wherunto the sayd ternautes and inhabitants shalbe bound.

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bounden to sue & appeare, to be viewe, whether the same bee sufficiently repayed or not, for the foresayde purpose: so that by the advise of the steward, ternautes, and inhabitautes of the saide Court baron, lete, rape, or lawday, where any such nette shall be necessary to be used, a sure waye and ordinaunce may be devised for the reparation, continuance, and putting in execution of the said nette, at times and places convenient, as is aforesayde. And that suche ordinaunces as shalbe devised and made by the steward, ternautes and inhabitautes of and wythin the sayd letes, lawdayes, rapes and courtes, or by the mooste parte of them, to and for the destruction of the sayde rookes, crows and choughes, shall stande good and effectuell, and bee put in due execution, accordinge to the tenour thereof.

And further bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that as well such person and persons, as shall inhabite and haue in his manurance and occupation any manours, meases, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereunto any such lete, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes apperteyneth, or by reason whereof any such courtes bene holden, as the ternautes and fermours, inhabiting and hauing in theyr manurance and occupation any meases, landes, tenementes or hereditaments, holden of such manours, meases, or other hereditamentes, whereunto such courtes, as is aforesaid, belongen, shall yerely during the sayd tenne yeares, at suche dayes places, and times, as by the steward of suche lete, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes shall bee appointed, assemble themselves together, to viewe, visite and suruey all the sayde manours, meases, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, where they or anye of them shall happen to dwell or inhabite, and be resident, and thereupon shall agree and conclude, howe and by what meanes it shalbe beste possible, to destroy all the yonge breede of the sayd choughes, crows and rookes, for that yere, and the same assemble viewe, and visitacion shall make yearely, duringe the sayd tenne yeares, at most convenient and apte time for the same, and shall put the same in due execution, so as the sayd yonge breede of choughes, crows and rookes, may be utterly destroyed: vppon paine to forfait for every yere omitting such assemble, endeuyr, and viewe makinge, accordinge to this acte xx. s. after presentment of such default had before the kinges Justices of peace: The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to be to the presentours of the sayde offence, to be leuied by distress, like as amerciaementes for common annoyances haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

And further bee it enacted, by the auctorite aforesaide, that as well the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, & shyriffes in theyr Turnes, as stewards, mayres and bailiffes elected, in theyr letes, lawdayes, rapes, and Court barons, to be hereafter holden before them or any of them, shall give in charge to the ternautes and inhabitautes, and all other appearing before anye of theym, that they shall duely enquire and put in execution the effecte

effectes of the premisses in due time, so that this acte may be fully and truly executed, and the choughes, crows and rookes, thereby destroyed in all places of this realme, according to the meaning & true intent of this estatute. And ouer this it is enacted, that it shall bee lawfull to every person and persones, onely minding and willing to take and destroy the said crows, rookes or choughes, after request therof made vnto the owner or occupier of the same ground, where suche crows, rookes or choughes, haunte or breede, to enter, take, and carrie awaye all suche rookes, or choughes, and crows, as hee shall take that same day, in which such request shalbe made from time to time, wythout let, impediment, or impechmente by any manner meane of the sayd owner or occupier of the same.

And it is further enacted, that every farmour or owner, hauinge in his owne manurance and occupation, any manours, meases, lands, tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof the perely value or rent amounteth to v. li. shal pay and giue to every such personne, which by his dilligence, labour and industrie, at his owne proper costes, doth take anye olde crows, rookes or choughes, within and vpon the saide manours, meases, lands, or groundes of the yearely value afore saide ii. d. for every xii. olde crows, rookes or choughes, that any such persons shall take, bringe and offer to any such fermour or owner: And for every vi. olde crows, rookes, or choughes, a peny, for every iii. old a halfpenny. And if any such owner or fermour refuse to pay the said money accordinge, as is afore sayde, than vpon complainte and prooffe thereof made to anye of the Justices of peace, or highe constable, the sayd Justice of peace or highe constable, shall cause the sayde money to be leuyed by distres of the goods and cattelles of every such fermour or occupier, refusing to pay the said money according to the tenour & effect of this acte.

Provided alwayes that no person or persons, by colour or auctorite of this acte, shall take or kill any doves or pygeons, vpon the paine limited by the lawes and custome of this realme heretofore for such offences used and accustomed.

An act for paving of the high way betwene the Strond Crosse and Charing crosse. Cap. xi.



A most humble wise shew and beseeche your highnes your poore subiectes, the inhabitauntes dwellinge in the parishes of sainte Martine in the fielde nexte Charinge Crosse our Lady at Stronde, and sainte Clement Danes without temple barre of London in your countie of Middlesex that where the common highe waye, betwene Charinge Crosse afore saide, and the Stronde Crosse, is verie noyous and foule, and in many places thereof very ieoperdious to all your liege people, that wayes passinge and repassinge, as well on horsebacke as on foote, bothe in

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in winter and in sommer, by night and by day. The very occasion wherof hath ben and yet is, that the landelordes and owners of all the landes and tenementes next adioyning on both sydes of the sayde common high way be and haue ben remisse and negligent, and also refuse and wyll not make and support the sayd high waye wyth paving, euery of them after the portion of his grounde adioyning to the same high wayes.

And forasmuch most gracious soueraygne lord as the said high waye, is and hath ben of continuance greatly occupped, as well wyth your subiectes & wyth theyr cartes and cariages, repaying to and from your citty of London, from diuers partyes of this your realme, as wyth your subiectes passing and repassing to and from the towne of westminster, aboute the needes of your lawes, there kepte in the terme season: which way if it were sufficiently paved and made, after the maner of the pavement of þe strete betwene the said Strand crosse and temple barre, it should not only be a great comforte to all your subiectes there aboutes dwellinge, but also to al other your liege people, that wayes passing and repassing.

Please it therefore your highnes, of your most abundaunt grace, that with the assente of your highnes, and the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this your present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that it bee enacted, ordeyned and established, that all and euery person and persons, theyr heyres and successours, the which now be or at any tyme from henceforth shalbe seased in possession, or in vse of any manour, landes or tenementes in any wise adioyninge to the sayd highe wayes, betwene the said Stronde crosse and Charinge crosse, bee it on the one syde of the same waye or on the other, of any estate of fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of life, shalbe before the feast of Saint Michael the archangell, the which shalbe in the yere of our lord God M. D. ccc. lxxiiij. sufficiently pave or cause to be paved with paving stone, the sayd high waye alonge from his landes or tenements, adioyning to the sayde highe way, vnto the myddeste of the same waye, in suche and like forme, as the highe strete betwene Temple barre and Strond crosse aforesayd, is paved, vppon paine to forsake to your highnes, your heyres and successours, for euery yerde square, not sufficiently paved by þe said day limited & assigned, in fourme before expressed vi. d.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that al and euery person and personnes, hauinge any of the sayd landes and tenementes in possession or in vse, in fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of lyfe, adioyninge to the sayd high waye, theyr heyres and successours, shall from and after the said feast of S. Michael, the which shalbe in the saide yere of our lord God M. D. ccc. lxxiiij. sufficiently maintayne the pavement of the sayd waye againste euery of theyr landes or tenementes, in suche and lyke forme, as is aboue declared, vppon paine to forsake to your highnes for euery yerde square of the sayde pavement, not sufficiently paved, repaired, and amended, as often as any such defaulte of any personne shalbe presented

ted before your Justices of y^e pleas, before your highnes to be holdē. vi. d.
 And that it be further enacted by the auctoritey aforesayd, that your said Justices for the time being, may haue full power and auctoritey to enquire in euery terme to be holden after the sayd feast of S. Michaell, the which shalbe in the sayd yere of our lordē God. M. D. cccc. lxxiii. by the othe of xii. men of the sayd countye, as well of them that haue not paied, according to the provision aforesayde, as also of them that remissly or insufficiently shall here after mayntaine the same paiement accordyng to the sayd provision. And that the sayde Justices may haue power and auctoritey after such defaulte before them presented, to make proces by distresse or otherwise by theyr discretion, against the said offenders, theyr heires, and successours, as wel for making, repaying, and amending of the sayd highe way, as for the sayde penaltie so forfayted.

An acte that appeales in such cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the See of Rome, shall not be from henceforth had ne vsed, but within this realme. Cap. xii.



Where by diuers sondry old autentike histories, and Chronicles it is manifestly declared and expressed, that this realme of Englande is an Empire, and so hath bene accepted in y^e world, gouerned by one supreme heade and kinge, hauinge the dignitie and royall estate of the imperiall crowne of the same: Unto whom a bodye politike, compacte of all sortes and degrees of people, deuided in termes & by names of spiritualty & temporaltie, ben bounden & owen to beare next to God, a natural and humble obedience. He being also institute and furnished by the goodnes & sufferance of almighty God, with plenari, whole, and entier power, preeminence, auctoritey, prerogative, and iurisdiction, to render and yelde Justice and final determination to al maner of folke resiauntes or subiectes within this his realme, in all causes, matters, debates and contentions, happeninge to occurre, insurge, or begin within the limitts therof, without restraint or prohibition to any forein princes or potentates of the world: The body spiritual all wherof hauing power tohan any cause of the law deuine happened to come in question, or of spiritual learninge, that it was declared, interpreted, and shewed by that parte of the sayde body politike, called the spiritualtie now beinge vsually called the Englishe Church, which alwayes hath bene reputed, and also founde of that sorte, that both for knowledge, integritie, and sufficiency of nomber, it hath been alwayes thought, and is also at this houre, sufficiente and meete of it selfe, without the intermedlinge of anye exterior personne or personnes, to declare and determine all suche doubtes, and to admynistre all suche offices and duties as to theyr rouines spiritual doth appertayne. For the due admynistration wherof, and to keepe them from corruption and sinister affection, the kynges

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kynges moste noble progenitours, and the antecessours of the nobles of this realme, haue sufficiently endowed the sayd churche, both with honoꝝ and possessions. And the lawes temporall, for tryall of propertie of landes and goodes, and for the conseruation of the people of this Realme in brytany and peace, without rauin or spoyle, was & yet is administred, adiudged and executed by sundry iudges and ministers of the other parte of the sayd bodie polityke, called the Temporaltye: And bothe theyꝝ auctorities and iurisdictiones do conioyne together in the due administration of Justice, the one to helpe the other.

And where as the kynges hys moste noble progenitours, and the nobyltye and comunys of thys sayde Realme, at diuers and sondre parlyamentes, as well in the tyme of kynges Edward the firste, Edward the thyrde, Rycharde the seconde, Henry the fourth, and other noble kynges of thys realme, made sundry ordinaunces, lawes, statutes, and prouisions for the entiere and sure conseruation of the prerogatiues, liberties, and preheminences of the sayde imperiall crowne of this Realme, and of the iurisdictiones spirytual and temporall of the same, to keepe it from the annoyauce as well of the Sea of Rome, as from the auctorite of other forreine potentates, attemptynge the diminution or violation therof, as often and from time to time, as any such annoyauce or attempte might be knowne or espyed. And notwithstanding the sayde good statutes and ordinaunces made in the tyme of the kynges moste noble progenitours, in preseruacion of the auctorite and prerogatiue of the sayde imperiall crowne, as is also sayde: yet neuerthelesse sythen the makynge of the sayde goode statutes and ordinaunces, dyuers and sundre inconueniences and daungers, not prouided for, playne, by the sayde former actes, statutes, and ordinaunces, haue ryisen and sponge, by reason of appeals sued out of this Realme to the Sea of Rome, in causes testamentary, causes of matrimony, and diuorces, right of tythes, oblations, and obuentions, not only to the great inquietacion, veracion, trouble, costes and charges of the kyngs highnes, & many of his subiectes and resiaunts in this his realme, but also to the great delaye and let to the true and speedy determination of the sayde causes, for so much as the parties, appealynge to the sayde courte of Rome, moste commonly doo the same for the delaye of Justice. And for as muche as the great dystance of waye is so farre out of this realme, so that the necessarye knowen, ne the witnesses there so well examined, as within this realme, so that the parties greued by meanes of the sayd appeales, be most times without remedy. In consideration wherof, the kynges highnes, his nobles and comunys considering the great enormities, daungers, longe delayes and hurtes, that as well to his hyghnes, as to his sayde nobles, subiectes, and comunys & resiaunts of this his realme, in the sayde causes testamentary, causes of matrimony & diuorces, tythes, oblations and obuentions, do

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Daylye ensue: Dothe therfore by his roiall assent, and by the assente of the lordes spyrituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present parlyament assembled, and by auctoryte of the same cr: acte, establyshe, and ordeyne, that all causes, testamentarye, causes of matrimony, and diuorces, ryghtes of tythes, oblations, and obuencions (the knowledge wherof by the goodnesse of prynces of this realme, and by the lawes and customes of the same apperteyneth to the spirituall iurisdiction of this realme) all redy contented, moued, dependinge, beinge, happeninge, or hereafter comynge in contention, debate, or question within this realme, or wpythin any the kynges Dominions or marches of the same, or els where, whether they coerne the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, or any other subiectes or resiauntes within the same, of what degre so euer they be shalbe from henceforth harde, examined, discussed, clerely, finally and diffinitively adiudged and determined within the kynges iurisdiction and auctoryte, & not els where, in such courtes spirituall and tempozall of the same, as the natures, condicions and qualities of the cases and matters aforesayde in contencion, or hereafter happeninge in contencion, shall requyre, without hannyng any respecte to any custome, vse, or sufferaunce, in hinderaunce, let, or prejudice of the same, or to any other thyng bled or suffered to the contrary thereof by any other maner person or persons in any maner of wise: Any forreyn inhibitions, appeales, sentences, sommons, citacions, suspensions, interdictions, excommunications, restraints, iudgementes, or any other proces, or impedimentes of what natures, names, qualities or condicions, soeuer they be from the Sea of Rome, or any other forreine courtes or potentates of the woylde, or from and out of this realme, or any other kynges Dominions or marches of the same, to the sea of Rome, or to any other forreine courtes, or potentates, to the let or impedimēt thereof, in any wise notwithstandinge.

And that it shall be lawfull to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and to his heires and successours, and to all other subiectes or resiauntes within this realme, or wpythin any the kynges Dominions or marches of the same, notwithstandinge that hereafter it should happen any recommengement excommunications, interdictions, citacions or any other censures, or forreyn proces out of any outwarde partes, to be fulminate, prouulged, declared, or put in execution within this sayde Realme, or any other place or places, for any of the causes befoze rehearsed, in prejudice, derogation, or contempt of thys sayde acte, and the verye trewe meaninge and execution therof, maye and shall neuerthelesse as well pursue, execute, haue, and enioye the effectes, profites, benefytes and commodyties of all suche proces, sentences, iudgementes, and determinations, doone, or hereafter to be doone in anye of the sayde courtes spirituall or tempozall, as the cases shall require, within the limites, power and auctoryte of thys the kynges sayd

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sayde realme and Dominions, and marches of the same: and those onelye and none other to take place and to be firmly obserued and obeyed within the same, as also that all the spirituall prelates, pastours, ministers, and curates within this realme and Dominions of the same, shall and maye vse, minister, execute, and do, or cause to be vsed, ministered, executed and done all sacramentes, sacramentalles, diuine seruices, and all other things within the sayde realme and Dominions vnto all the subiectes of the same as catholike and chriстен men owen to do, any former citations, processe, inhibitions, suspensions, interdictions, excommunications, or appeales, for or touching any of the causes aforesayde, from or to Sea of Rome or any other foreyn prince or foreyn courtes, to the lette or contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge.

And if any of the sayde spirituall persons, by the occasion of the sayde fulminations of any of the same interdictions, censures, inhibitions, excommunications, appeales, suspensions, sommons, or other foreyn citations, for the causes beforesayde, or for any of them, do at any tyme hereafter refuse to minister, or cause to be ministered the sayde sacramentes, and sacramentalles, and other deuine seruices, in forme as is aforesayde, shall for euery suche tyme or tymes, that they or any of them do refuse so to do, or to cause to be done, haue one yerres imprisonment, and to make fyne and ransome at the kinges pleasure.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that yf anye personne or persones inhabitinge or resiaunte within this realme, or within any the kynges Dominions, and marches of the same or any other personne or personnes, of what estate, condicion, or degree so euer he or they bee, at any tyme hereafter, for or in any the causes aforesayde, do attempte, moue, purchase, or procure, from or to the Sea of Rome, or from or to any other foreyn Courte or Courtes, out of this realme, any manner foreyn proces, inhibitions, appeales, sentences, sommons, citations, suspensions, interdictions, excommunications, restraintes, or iudgementes, of what nature, kynde, or qualite soeuer they be, or execute any of the same proces, or doe any acte or actes, to the lette, impedimente, hinderaunce or derogation of any proces, sentence, iudgemente, or determination, had, made, done, or hereafter to bee had, done, or made in any courtes of this realme, or the kynges sayde Dominions or marches of the same, for anye of the causes aforesayde contrarie to the true meanynge of this presente acte, and the execution of the same: That than euerye suche personne or personnes, so doynge, and their fautours, comfortours, abbettours, procurers, tutors, and counsaylours and euerye of theyn beeynge conuicte of the same, for euerye suche defaulte shall incurre and runne in the same paynes, penalties, and forfeitures ordeyned and prouyded by the statute of prohibition, and premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the reygne of the right noble prince kinge Richarde the seconde, agaynst such as attempte procure or make prouision to the Sea of Rome, or els where, for anye thyng

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or thynges, to the derogacion, or contrary to the prerogatyue or iurisdiction of the crowne and dignitie of this realme.

And furthermore in eschevinge the sayde greate enormities, inquietacions, delays, charges and expences hereafter to be susteyned in pursuynge of suche appeales and foreyne processe, for and concerninge the causes aforesayde, or any of them, do therfore by auctorite aforesayde, ordeyne and enacte, that in suche cases, where heretofore any of the kynges subiectes and resiauntes, haue vsed to pursue, prouoke, or procure anye appeale to the See of Rome, & in all other cases of appeales, in or for any of the causes aforesayde, they maye and shall from hence forth take, haue, and vse their appeales within this realme, and not elles where, in manner and forme as hereafter ensueth, and not other wyse, that is to say, If first from the archdeacon, or his officiall, yf the matter or cause be there begunne to the byshoppe diocesan, of the sayde See, if in case any of the parties be greued. And in lyke wyse if it be commenced before the byshop diocesan or his commissary, from the byshop diocesan, or his commissarye, within fyfteeene dayes nexte ensuyng the iudgement or sentence therof there geuen, to the archebyshoppe of the prouince of Canturbury, if it be within hys prouince, and if it be within the prouince of Yorke, than to the archebyshop of Yorke, and so likewyse to all other archebyshoppes, in other the kynges Dominions, as the case by the order of iustice shall requyre, and there to be diffinitiuely and fynally ordered, decreed, and adiudged, accordynge to Justice, without any other appellacion or prouocation to any other person or persones, courte or courtes. And if the matter or contencion for any of the causes aforesayde, be or shall be commented by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, before the archdeacon or anye archebyshoppe or his commissary, than the partie greued, shall or may take his appeale within .xv. dayes nexte after iudgemente or sentence there geuen, to the courte of the Arches or audience of the same Archebyshoppe or Byshoppes, and from the sayde Courte of the Arches or audience within fyfteeene dayes than nexte ensuyng, after iudgemente or sentence there geuen, to the archebyshoppe of the same prouince, there to be dyffinitiuely and fynally Determined without any other or further proces or appeale thereupon to be had or vsed.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all and every matter, cause, and contencion now dependynge, or that hereafter shall be commenced by anye of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, for any of the causes aforesayde, before any of the sayde archebyshops, that than the same matter or matters, contencion or contencions, shall be before the same archebyshop, where the sayde matter cause or proces shall be so commenced, diffinitiuely Determined, decreed or adiudged, without any other appellacion, or any other foreyn processe out of this realme, to be sued to the lette or derogacion of the sayde iudgemente, sentence, or decree, other wyse than is by this acte limited & apointed, Sauinge alwayes the prerogative

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rogative of the archbishop and church of Caunterbury, in all the foresayd cases of appeales, to him and to his successours to be sued within this realme, in such and lyke wyse as they haue bene accustomed and vsed to haue heretofore. And in case any cause, matter, or cōtencion, now depending for the causes before rehearsed, or any of the, or that hereafter shall come in cōtencion for any of the same causes, in any of the foresayd courtes, which hath, dothe, shall, or may touche the kinge his heires, or successours kynges of this realme: that in all and every suche case or cases, the party greued, as before is sayde, shall or may appeale from any of the sayd courtes of this realme, where the sayd matter now beyng in contention, or hereafter shall come in contention, touchinge the kyng, his heires, or successours (as is aforesayde) shall happen to be ventilate commenced, or begun to the spyrituall prelates and other abbottes and priours of the vpper house, assembled and conuocat by the kynges wytte in the conuocation beyng or next insuyng, within the prouince or prouinces, where the same matter of cōtencion, is or shall be begun. So that every such appeale taken by the party greued, within .xv. daies next after the iudgement or sentence thereupon geuen or be geuen. And that what soeuer be done or shalbe done, and affirmed, determined, decreed, and adiudged by the foresayd prelates, abbottes, and priours of the vpper house of the sayde conuocation, as is aforesayde apperteyninge, concernyng, or belongyng to the kyng, his heires, and successours, in any of these foresayd causes of appeales: shall stande and be taken for a finall decree, sentence, iudgemente, diffinicion, and determination: and the same matter so determined, neuer after to come in question & debate, to be examined to any other court or courtes. And if it shall happen any person or persons hereafter to pursue or prouoke any appeale, contrary to the effect of this acte, or refuse to obey, execute, and obserue all thynge comprised within the same, concerninge the sayd appeales, prouocaciōs and other forein processe to be sued out of this realme for any the causes aforesayd, that then every such person or persons, so doyng, refusyng, or offending contrary to the true meaning of this act, their procurers, fautours and aboucaters, counsaylours, and abettours, and every of them, shall incurre into the paynes, forfaytures, and penalties ordeyned and provided in the sayde statute made in the sayde .xvi. yere of kinge Richarde the second, and with like processe to be made against the sayde offendours, as in the same statute made the sayde .xvi. yere more playnly appereth.

An acte for reformation of excesse in apparail. Cap. xiiij.



Where before this time diuers lawes, ordinances, and statutes haue bene with great deliberation and aduise provided established and deuised for the necessarye repassinge and ordyng, and expellyng of the inordinate excesse daily more & more vsed in the sumptuous and costly aray and apparell,

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accustomably woꝛne in this realme: wherof hath ensued & dayly do chance
such sondry, highe & notable inconueniences, as be to the great, manifest,
& notorius Detriment of the cōmon weale, the subuersion of good and po-
lytyke order in knowledge and distinction of people, accordinge to theyre
states, preheminences, dignities, and degrees and to the vtter impouerish-
ment and vndoynge of many in experte and lyghte personnes, inclyned to
pride, mother of all byces. Whiche good lawes notwithstandinge, the
outeragious excesse therein is rather from tyme to tyme increased than di-
minished, eyther by occasion of the peruerse and frowarde maners and be-
sage of the people, or for that errours and abuses once rooted and taken in
to longe costome, be not facily and at once without some moderation for a
tyme relinquished and reformed. In consideration wherof, and for a rea-
sonable order and remedy lyke to be obserued, performed and continually
kept, It is by the kynges hignesse, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and
the commōs in this presente parliament assembled, & by auctorite of the
same enacted, establyshed and ordeyned, in maner & forme folowynge.

Fyrste that no person or persons, of what estate, dignite, degree or co-
dicion soeuer they be, from the feast of the Purification of our lady, which
shalbe in the yere of our lord. M.D.cccc. v. use or weare in any maner theyr
apparayle, or vpon theyr horse, mule, or other beaste, any sylke of the colour
of purple, ne any clothe of golde or tisse, but onely the kyng, & queene,
the kynges mother the kynges children, the kynges brethern, and sisters,
and the kynges vncles and aunte, excepte that it shall be lawfull to all
Dukes and marquises to weare and vse in theyr dublettes and sleuelesse
cotes, cloth of golde or tisse, and in none other theyr garmentes, So that
the same to be woꝛne by such Dukes and marquises, excede not the price of
v. li. the yarde. Provided that this woꝛde purple extend not to any maner
tell of the orde of the Garter.

And that no man, vnder the state of an erle, from the same feast, vse or
weare in his apparell of his bodye, or vpon his horse, mule, or other beaste,
or harneis of the same beaste, any clothe of golde or syluer, or of tinceld sil-
ken, or any other sylke or clothe myxed or embroidered with golde or syluer,
nor also any furre of Sables: except that it shall be lawfull for bicones &
priour of sayncte Thome Hierusalem, within this realme, and barons to
weare in their doublettes or sleuelesse cotes, cloth of golde, siluer or tincell.

Also it is enacted, that no man, vnder the estate of a duke, marquisse, erle
and their children, or vnder the degree of a baron, oneles hee be a knight,
that is companion of the Garter, from the sayde feast weare in any parte
of his apparell anye wollen clothe made out of this realme of Englande,
Irelande, Wales, Calys Barwike, or the marches of the same, excepte in
bonettes onely: He also weare in any māer apparaille of his body, or on his
horse, mule or other beaste, or harneis of the same beaste, any veluet of the
colours of crimelin, scarlet, or blew, ne any furre of blacke Fenettes or
luserns, ne any maner embowderpe. And that no man, oneles hee be a
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knicht, after the saide feast weare any collar of golde named a collar of S: and that no man vnder the degree of a barons sonne, or of a knight, except he may expende yerely in landes or tenementes, rentes, fees or annuities to his owne vse, for terme of his life, or for terme of an other mannes lyfe, or in the righte of his wyfe, two hundred pounds ouer all charges shall after the said feast, vse or weare any chayne of golde, bracelet, ouche, or other ornamente of golde, in any parte of his or theyr apparell, or the apparell of his or theyr horse, mule or other beast, except euery such chaine Jewell, ouche or ornamente, bee in weighte one ounce of fine golde, or aboue and except ringes of golde to be woyn on their fingers, with stones or without. He also shall weare any maner of veluet in their gownes, cotes with sleues, or other bittermoste garmentes, nor any furre of libardes, nor also shall weare any maner embroidery, pricking or pryncinge wyth golde, silver, or other silke in anye parte of theyr apparell, or on theyr horses, mules, or other beastes.

And that no man, vnder the sayde estates and degrees, other then suche as may dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde, a hundred pounds by the yere, ouer all charges, shall after the said feast weare anye saten, damaske, sylke, chamlet, or taffata, in his gowne, cote with sleues, or other bittermoste apparayle or garment, nor any maner of veluet, otherwise than in sleueles iackets, doublets, coifes, partettes or purses: Nor also shall weare any furre, wherof the lyke kynde groweth not within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wale, Calys, Berwyke or the marches of the same: except foynes, genetts, called gray genetts and Bogy.

And that no man, vnder the sayde degrees, other than the sonne and heyre apparant of a knight, or the sonne and heyre apparaunte of a man of three hundred marks by the yere, ouer al charges, & such other men as may dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annuities, or other yerely profites, as is aforesayd. xl. li. by the yere, ouer all charges, from the sayd feast weare in theyr gownes, or any other theyr bittermost apparayle, any chamlet, or silke. He also weare in any other part of theyr apparayle, any sylke, other than saten, damaske, taffata or sarcenet in theyr doublets and sarcenet, chamlet, or taffata in lininge of theyr gownes, and the same, or veluet in their sleueles cotes, iackettes, ierkyngs, coifes, cappes, purses, or partettes, the colours of skarlet, crimisin and blew alwaies excepte. Nor shall weare any furre of foyries or genetts, called gray genetts, nor any other fures, wherof the lyke kinde is not growen within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wale, Calys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte before excepte. He shall weare any maner aglettes, buttons, broches of golde or silver gilt, or counterfalte gilt, or made with any other deuyle of any weighte: Nor shall weare any chayne of golde of lesse weighte and value than ten unces of Troy weight of fine golde.

And that no man, vnder the sayde degrees, other than such gentyll men

men, as may dispende in landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde, p. poundes by yere, ouer all charges, from and after the sayd feast, weare any maner of silke, in any apparayle of his bodye or of his horse, mule, or other beast, excepte it be sateen, taffata, sarcenet, or damaske in his doublet or cote, and chaumlet in his sleuelesse iacketes, and a lace of silke for his bonnet, or poyntes, laces, girdels, or garters made or wrought in Englande, or Wales: Nor shall weare any fures of blacke Cony or Bogg.

And that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than such as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayd, five poundes by the yere ouer all charges, from and after the sayd feast weare any maner of clothe of the colours of scarlet, crimosen, or violet engrayned, nor any silke in their doublettes, or iacketes, nor any other clothe in any garmente aboue the price of sixe shillings. viij. pence the brode yarde nor any other thyng made out of thys realme, except chalet in their doublettes and iacketes.

And that no seruinge man, nor other yoman takinge wages, or suche other, as he may not dispende of freeholde fortye shillings by yere after the sayde feast shall weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the price of two shillings the yarde, and that none of theyr hoses bee garded or mixed with any other thinge, that may be seene on or throughe the vtter parte of theyr hoses, but with the selfe same clothe onely: nor in his gowne, cote or iackette, or other garmente, any clothe aboue the price of three shillings foure pence the brode yarde, excepte it be his maisters lycour, nor any manner furre, except cony, called gray cony, blacke lambe or white labe of Cynnygh, welche, or Trypthe growynge: Nor shall weare any shyrt or shyrt bande, vnder or vpper cappe, cote, bonnet, or hat, garnished, mixte, made, or wrought with silke, golde, or siluer: Nor shall weare any bonnet or shyrt bande, made or wrought out of this realme of Englande, or Wales. Neuerthelesse it shal be lawfull for him to weare a silke ribande for his bonnet and also the cognisance or badge of his lord or mayster, and a horne tipped or fiewed with siluer, gylte or vngylte: And also they and all other persons to weare on theyr bonnettes all suche games of syluer, gylte, or vngylte, as they or any of them may win by wrestling, shooting, renning, leapyng or castinge of the barre, and also maisters of the shippes or other vesselles and mariners to weare whistelles of siluer, with the cheyne of siluer to hange the same vpon, any former cause in this acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And that no husbandeman, from the sayd feast, weare in his hoses any clothe aboue the price of the yarde. ii. shillings, any clothe in his gowne aboue the price. iij. s. the brode yarde, or in his iacket or cote aboue the price of. ii. s. viij. pence the brode yarde. Nor in his doublet any other thinge that is wrought within this realme, fustian and canuas onely excepted, nor any manner furre in any his apparayle.

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And that no serving man in husbandrie, or journey man in handie craftes, takinge wages, after and from the feast aforesayde: weare in his hosen any cloth aboute the price of .xviij. d. the yarde, nor shall weare any clothe in his gowne, iacket or cote, aboute the price of .iiij. s. viij. d. the brode yarde, nor in his doublet any other thinge than fustian, canuas, or lether or wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in any of his apparayle.

Provided alwayes, that all suche officers and servauntes, waytyng or attendyng upon the kynge, the Queene, the prince or princes, dayly, yerely or quarterly in their housholdes, or being in their eschequire rolle, as shall be admitted, assigned, and licenced by his grace. to vse or weare any maner apparayle on their bodies, horses, mules, or other beastes, otherwyse than is afore expressed, shall & may lawfully do the same, according to the licence whiche shall be geuen unto them in that behalfe. The same licence to be declared in wryting by the kinges highnes or the lord steward of his most honorable householde or the lord chamberleyn, knowyng the kinges most gracious pleasure in y^e same.

Provided also that the vicechamberlayne, Steward, Treasorer and Comptroller of the frenche queenes honorable householde, and euerpe of them for the time beyng, after and from the sayd feast, may weare in their gownes, cotes, iacketes, doublettes, and other their apparayle, veluete, satten, and damaske, beinge of the colours of blacke, tawny, or russet, and also theynes, and brooches of golde, of such value as they woll at theyr libertye, this presente acte, or any thinge therein mencionned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

Provided also, that the lord Chauncellour, and the lord Treasorer of Englande, the president of the kinges counsaile, and the lord priuie seale, for the time beyng, of what estate or degree so euer they bee, belydes those comes, may weare in their apparayle veluet, satten, and other silkes of any colours, excepte purple, and any maner furre, excepte blacke genettes: any thing in this acte mencionned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Be it further enacted, that after the sayde feast, none of the clergie, vnder the dignite of a bishoppe, abbotte, or priour, beyng a lord of the parliamente, weare in any parte of hyr or theyr apparayle of theyr bodys or on theyr horses any maner of stufte, wrought or made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte that it shalbe lawfull to all archdeacons, dranes, prouostes, maysters, and wardenz of cathedrall and collegiate churches, prebendaries, doctours, or bachelours in diuinite, doctours of the one lawe or the other, and also doctours of other sciences, whiche haue taken that degree or be admitted in any vniuersite, to weare sarcenet in the lynynge of their gownes, blacke satten or blacke chamlet in their doublettes and sleueles cotes, and blacke veluet, or blacke sarcenet or blacke satten, in theyr tippettes, and rydyng hoodes or gyrdels, and also clothe of the colours of charlet, murrey, or violet, and furre called gray, blacke boge, forney, shankes,

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kes, or meneuer in their gownes & sleues cotes, any thyng before men-
cioned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that none of the Clergy,
vnder the degrees aforesayde, weare any maner of furre, other the blacke
cony, budge, grey cony, shankes, calaber gray,liche, fore, lambe, otter, and
beuer. And that none of the clergy vnder the degrees aforesayde other the
maisters of arte, and bachelers of the one lawe or the other, admitted in a-
ny vniuersitye or suche other of the sayde clergy as may dispende yerelepe
xx.li. ouer all charges, shall weare in their tippettes any maner of sarcenet
or other silke.

Provided also, that this acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not
extende nor bee hurtfull or prejudiciall to any the kynges most honorable
counsell: Ne to Justices of the one benche or the other, the barons of the
kinges eschequire, & maister of the rolles, seriauntes at the law, & maisters
of the Chancery, ne to any of the counsell of the Ducene, prince or princess,
apprentises of the law, the kinges, the queenes, the princes & the princesses,
physicians, mayres, recorders, aldermen, shryffes, bailiffes elect, and all o-
ther head officers of cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, wardeins of
occupacions, the barons of the. v. portes, that is to say, to all the sayde offi-
cers and personnes, that now be, or heretofore haue bene in lyke roome
place, office or auctorite, or hereafter for the time shall be, as well in the
time as after that they haue bene in any such place, office, roome or aucto-
rite, but that they shall & may at all times weare, after the sayd feast, all
suche apparaille in and vpon their bodie, horses, mules, and other beastes
and also citizens, and burgeses, shall & may weare suche hoodes of clothe
and of such colours, as they haue heretofore vsed to weare: any thyng in
this acte mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding, except that it shall
not be lawfull to any of them to weare veluet, damaske, or faren of the co-
lours of crimisen, violet, purple, or blew, otherwise than by the continue
of this acte, in anye of the clauses before mencioned, is by reason of theyr
landes or otherwyle permitted, limited or assigned.

Ne also this acte or any thyng therein mencioned: shall extende to amb-
assadors or other personages: sent from outwarde princes, or to noble
men, or other comynge into the kynges realme, or other parte of his obey-
sance, to visite, see or salute his grace or to see the countrei, and not mynden
to make longe or continuall demoyne in the same, ne to any henchman, he-
raide, or purcuant at armes, minstrels, plaiers in enterclodes, lightes, re-
uels, iustes, tourneys, barriers, solempne watches or other marciall feates,
or disguisinges, or to men of war, beyng in the kynges wages of warre,
nor to any man, for wearyng any apparayle, geuen vnto him by the kyng
ges highnes, the queene, the french queene, the prince or princess, ne to anye
swoorde bearer of the cite of London or of any city, borough, or towne cor-
porate. Ne also shall extende to any vtter barrestor of any of the Tynnes of
court for wearyng in any his apparayle, suche sylke and furre: as is be-
fore limited for men that may dyspende in landes, tenementes, rentes,
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fees or annuities for terme of life xx. li. ouer all charges, nor to any other student of the Innys of the court of Chancery, or to any gentleman being seruaunt to any lord, knyghte esquier, or gentleman of this realme, whose mayster may dispende xl. li. ouer all charges, for wearyng by such studente or gentlemen beinge seruaunte, of doublettes and partlettes of latten, damaske, or chamlet, or iackettes of chamlet: which doublettes, partlets, or iackettes be geuen vnto them by any of theyr parentes, maisters or kinsefolkes, so alwayes they bee not of the colours of crimisen, purple, scarlet, or blew, or for wearyng of any fures, wherof y like groweth wythin this realme, wales, or Ireland, martens and blacke cony except.

It is also further enacted, that if any man vse or weare, at any tyme after the sayde feast, any apparell, or other the premysse, contrary to the tenour and fourme aforesayd, than he so offendinge, shall forsayte the same apparell, and other the premysse, so by hym vsed or woone vppon his personne, horse, mule, or other beaste, wherewith so euer it bee garnished, embroidered, doubled, or mixed, or the value thereof: and also iii. s. iiii. pence in the name of a fyne for euery daye, that hee shall so weare the same, contrary to the tenour and purpote of this acte. And that euery man, that woll, may lawfully sue for y same, by action of Detinue, to be commenced within x. dayes nexte after the beginninge of the terme, nexte ensuinge, after any such time and cause of forsayture so giuen: in the which action the defendant shall not bee suffered to wage his lawe, nor any esoyne or protection shalbe to him allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the which forsayture and fine shall bee to the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to him, or them, that woll sue for the same, in forme and wythin the tyme before limited.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that it shalbe lawful to the iustices of peace in theyr sessions, the sheriffe in his Turne, the steward in any lete or lawday, the aldermen in theyr wardes, and to all other persons haupnge auctorite to enquire of bloudshed and frayes, to enquire of euery of the sayd offences and forsaytures, and the parties offendinge againste this statute, and so presented, shall make fine in maner and forme, and after the rate aforesayd.

Ouer this it is enacted, by the auctorite aforesayde that all other actes made for reformation of excesse in apparell or array, at any tyme before this present parliamente, and all and singuler articles, prouision, forsaytures, & penalties, mencioned in the sayd former actes or any of them, be fro henceforth utterly voyde, expelled, extinct and of none effect: And all transgressions, offences, sommes of moneye, penalties, and forsaytures for any thinge done contrary to y said former actes or any of them, before this time made for reformation of excesse in apparell, bee clearely remitted, pardoned & released, and the offenders in that behalfe, and euery of theym to bee thereof discharged, and acquitted for euer.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thing therein contayned, bee hurt:

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hurtfull or prejudiciall to any spirituall or temporall persons, in and for the wearyng any ornaments of the Church, vsed for executing diuine service, or for wearyng theyr amicus, mantles, habites, or garments of religion, or other thinges, which they be vsed or bound vnto by theyr roomes or promotions, or religions, ne also to any graduates, beades, or mynisters to the graduates in Uniuersities and scholes, for wearing of theyr habites or hoodes, wyth fures, lininges, or other wyse, after such forme as heretofore they haue bene accustomed to do, any thing in this present acte, made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, be prejudiciall or hurtful to any person or persons, for wearing of any linnen cloth, made or wrought out of this realme, or other partys of the kynges obediensance, ne to any person, being of the degree of a gentleman, for wearyng of any surte made, wrought or embrauided wyth threed and silke onely, so the same worke, or embraudery be made wythin this realme of England, Wales, Calais, Berwicke, or the marches.

FINIS.

God saue the King.